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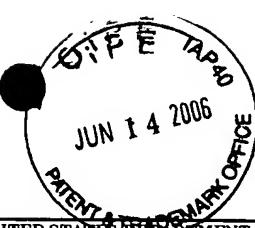
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Title

~~Pitching machine~~ --Ball Throwing Machine--

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BALL THROWING MACHINE

the specification of which

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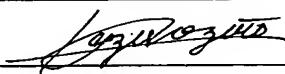
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